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Re: Final Response to FOIA Request 2018-AMS-05196-F

Dear Mr. Ciaramella:

This is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, dated July 18, 2018, to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS). Your request was received on August 1, 2018 and sought access to:

All communications to or from appointed members of the National Dairy Promotion & Research Board containing "soy" or "almond" between Jan. 1, 2017 and July 18, 2018

In an email dated August 1, 2018, you amended your request to:

Any communications related to the FDA possibly preventing soy and almond products from using the word 'milk' in their product labeling between Jan. 1, 2017 and July 18, 2018

The AMS FOIA staff works with subject matter experts across the Agency to locate responsive documents. For this request, a search was conducted within the National Dairy Promotion and Research Board. The Dairy Research and Promotion Program, also known as the Dairy Checkoff Program, is a national producer and importer program for dairy product promotion, research, and nutrition education. AMS' search began on August 15, 2018. Please be advised that no records were located that are responsive to your request.

This concludes processing of your request. You may appeal our determination within 90 days from the date of this letter. Your appeal should be clearly marked to indicate that it contains a FOIA appeal and include specific reasons why you believe modification of the initial action is warranted. Any such appeal should be addressed to:

Bruce Summers
Administrator
Agricultural Marketing Service
1400 Independence Avenue, S.W.
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If you have any questions about the way this request was handled, please contact JoAnna Gorsage at (202) 378-2575 or JoAnna.Gorsage@usda.gov. If you have general questions or concerns regarding AMS' FOIA procedures or regulations, please contact our FOIA Public Liaison, Bill Allen, at (202) 720-3785 or via email at ams.foia@usda.gov.

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at (202) 741-5770; toll-free at 1-(877) 684-6448; or facsimile at (202) 741-5769.

Thank you for your interest in AMS programs and policies.

Sincerely,

Mark R. Brook

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